Development Council for Ladakh

3100. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA JAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any date for the tripartite talks on setting up of Ladakh Hill Development Council has been fixed;

(b) if so, what arc the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the formation of the Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c) Pursuant to dropping of the deamand by the Ladakh Buddhist Association (LBA) in 1989 for giving Ladakh the status of a Union Territory, their demand for creation of an Autonomous Hill Council in the region has been under consideration of the State and the Central Governments in consultantion with representatives of the region. Tripartite meetings at the official level were held to discuss the proposals given by the LBA in April, May and June, 1992, after which certain revised proposals were also submitted by them. These were discussed in the last meeting held on 27-28 November, 1992 in which officials of the State and Central Governments and representative of the LBA and Ladakh Muslim Association participated. The areas requiring further examination and discussion were identified and it was decided that these would be examined by the State Government in consultation with the representatives of Ladakh Buddhist Association and Ladakh Muslim Association. Further discussions at the level of the Government of India will be held thereafter.

TADA Cases in Tamil Nadu

3101. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of TADA cases registered by Tamil Nadu Government during the last six months;

(b) whether he is aware of the fact that 99.5 per cent cases are only clear exhibits of motivitated foisted political vendetta; and

(c) whether in such a case the Government call for the detailed report in this regard and review the situation in the interest of the innocent victims of political vengence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) As per information obtained from the Govt. of Tamil Nadu two cases were registered under TADA during the last six months.

(b) and (c) The State Govt. have reported that cases arc registered only on the basis of evidence and no case was registered due to any political vendetta.

Posting of Officers and Staff in Jammu and Kashmir

3103. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of officers and staff of doubtful credentials arc being posted at higher levels in the administrative set up of Jammu and Kashmir State;

(b) if so, their number and whether it is also a fact that the antecedents of these officers and staff were not verified before their postings;

(c) if so, what arc the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Gvernment have taken to prevent such lapses?

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